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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Aaron ABBOTT et al.

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EXAMINER: Stephan Willett

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FOR:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DYNAMIC COMMAND
EXTENSIBILITY IN AN INTELLIGENT AGENT

RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration based on the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. The Examiner and Kenneth Vu conducted a telephonic interview on December 17, 2001 with regard to the status of claim 10. The Examiner states that claim 10 was intended to be rejected in the Office Action but that the numeral 10 was inadvertently omitted. The Examiner asserts that the substance of the rejection of claim 10 was made in paragraph 10 of the Office Action. Pursuant to the form PTO-413, from the Examiner on December 17, 2001, no further comment from Applicants' representative is required.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,956,506 to Cobb et al. (Cobb '506) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,029,175 to Chow et al. (Chow '175). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action recognizes Examiner Cobb '506 fails to disclose "a request intercepting component, arranged to intercept requests from [a] client component to [a] server